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Media Summary



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Corn and Soybean Yields Up from 1999

Maryland: Based on conditions around August 1st, corn, soybean, and tobacco yields are expected to be up from 1999 due to more favorable weather conditions this season. Projected corn for grain yield is 150 bushels per acre, up 57 bushels from last year's yield of 93 bushels per acre. Maryland's corn yield is anticipated to be the highest on record. Corn production is forecasted at 60 million bushels, up 80 percent from last year and the third highest production on record. According to the Weekly Crop and Weather Report for the week ending August 6, corn condition stands at 3 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 50 percent excellent.

For **soybeans**, yield is forecast to be 36 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from 1999's final estimate of 30 bushels per acre. Projected production level, at 17.6 million bushels, would be up 22 percent from last year. From the Weekly Crop and Weather Report for the week ending August 6, soybean condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

Tobacco is forecasted to yield 1,600 lbs./acre, a 200 pound increase from Maryland's 1999 yield. Tobacco production is forecast at 9.6 million pounds for 2000, up 5 percent from 1999's final production estimate of 9.1 million pounds.

Unites States: **Corn** production is forecast at 10.4 billion bushels, up 10 percent from last year and up 6 percent from 1998. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 141.9 bushels per acre, up 8.1 bushels from last year. If realized this would be the largest production and highest yield on record since 1866 when corn estimates began. Grain harvested is estimated at 73.1 million acres, down 29,000 acres from June, but up 4 percent from 1999.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 2.99 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 1999 and 9 percent above the previous record of 2.74 billion bushels set in 1998. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.7 bushels per acre, up 4.2 bushels from 1999. This is the second highest yield since the 1994 record of 41.4 bushels per acre. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999 and unchanged from the June acreage estimate.

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ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 1999 AND 2000

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	470	480	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	360	400	93	150	33,480	60,000
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	100	²	11	²	1,100	²
Soybeans	BU	490	500	480	490	30	36	14,400	17,640
Sorghum ³	BU	---	17	---	15	---	²	---	²
Winter Wheat	BU	215	220	200	205	60	63	12,000	12,915
Barley	BU	55	55	50	50	80	84	4,000	4,200
All Hay	TON	---	---	210	230	2.51	²	528	²
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	60	60	2.8	²	168	²
Other Hay	TON	---	---	150	170	2.4	²	360	²
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	6.5	6.0	1,400	1,600	9,100	9,600
Summer, Potatoes	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	240	240	1,128	1,128
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	77,431	79,579	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	70,537	73,059	133.8	141.9	9,437	10,369
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	6,062	---	16	²	96	²
Soybeans	BU	73,780	74,501	72,476	73,474	36.5	40.7	2,643	2,989
Sorghum	BU	9,288	8,805	8,544	8,315	69.7	69.5	595	578
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,431	43,349	35,572	35,401	47.8	45.0	1,700	1,594
Barley	BU	5,223	5,702	4,758	5,235	59.2	58.8	282	308
All Hay	TON	---	---	63,160	62,191	2.52	2.46	159	153
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,985	23,767	3.50	3.32	84	79
Other Hay	TON	---	---	39,175	38,424	1.92	1.94	75	74
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	647.2	493.8	1,997	2,169	1,293	1,071
Summer Potatoes	CWT	68.8	64.8	63.9	62.7	295	289	18.9	18.1

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

² Published January 2001

³ Estimates began in 2000

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 6, 2000 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	0	3	40	57
Sorghum	0	0	2	55	43
Soybeans	0	2	11	68	19